

LOCAL FOOD: WHY IT MATTERS

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE FOR A DAY CONTEST

Ever wonder what it would be like to be West Virginia's Commissioner of Agriculture? Students from across the state now have a chance to find out. The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) is sponsoring a competition for students ages 9-18 to serve as Honorary Commissioners of Agriculture during the State Fair of West Virginia. The contest runs from July 1st through July 31st.

"We want to inspire more of our young people to pursue careers in agriculture." -Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt





Students who are chosen to serve as an Honorary Commissioner will meet with Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt and WVDA staff, sit in on meeting and events, take a behind-the-scenes tour of the Fair and will be featured in the September issue of the Market Bulletin.

To enter the contest:

- ✦ Fill out an application form at www.agriculture.wv.gov.
- ✦ Submit the application and an essay, academic paper, poem, short story, photographs or videos explaining "Local Food: Why It Matters."
- ✦ Send to: West Virginia Department of Agriculture, Attn. Commissioner for a Day, 1900 Kanawha Blvd. East, Charleston, WV 25305
- ✦ All submissions must be received by July 31st.

For more information, contact Jennifer Smith, jensmith@wvda.us, 304-558-3708.





Kent A. Leonhardt
Commissioner of Agriculture

Agriculture Commissioner for a Day Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Age (9-18 are eligible): _____ School: _____

Dates and Times Student Is Available (July 11-18): _____

Brief Agriculture Background (Not Required to Be Considered): _____

The theme of this year's contest is "Local Food: Why It Matters." Please send a written, multimedia or other creative presentation (poem, photos, poster) with your application form explaining why local food is important to you, your family and community. For more information, contact Jennifer Smith at 304-558-3708 or jensmith@wvda.us.

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